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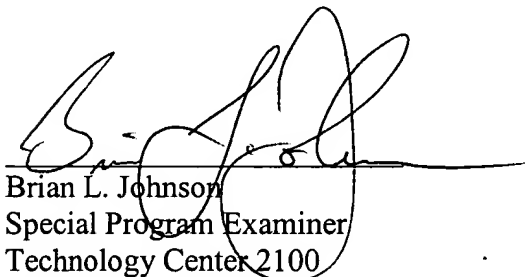
In re Application of: Karimoto, et al. )  
Application No. 09/869,647 ) *SUA SPONTE*  
Attorney Docket No. 33764 ) WITHDRAWAL OF HOLDING OF  
Filed: July 2, 2001 ) ABANDONMENT *under 37 CFR 1.181*  
For: CREATION ASSISTING METHOD )  
AND APPARATUS, AND RECORDED )  
MEDIUM )

A review of the application reveals that a Notice of Abandonment was mailed to the Applicant on July 27, 2006. The notice incorrectly indicated that the instant application was being held abandoned for failure to respond to the Final Office action mailed on August 3, 2005. Applicant timely filed a Notice of Appeal on January 3, 2006 (two-months extension of time (\$330.00) charge on 1/9/06 to deposit account 16-0820) as well as a timely filed an Appeal Brief on August 3, 2006 (extension of time for five months (\$2,160.00) charged on 8/7/06 to deposit account 16-0820), wherein the Notice of Appeal, Appeal Brief and extensions of time are currently located in the file.

In view of these facts, the abandonment of the application was clearly in error and has been **VACATED**. The Office regrets any inconvenience this may have caused.

The application is being forwarded to the Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner with instructions to **WITHDRAW** the holding of abandonment, restore the instant application to pending status and to **ENTER** the response (Appeal Brief) filed August 3, 2006. The application will then be forwarded to the Examiner of record for prompt action on the merits.

Inquiries to this decision may be directed to Special Programs Examiner Brian Johnson at (571) 272-3595.



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